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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

Giuseppe COLOMBO et al.)

Group Art Unit: 1762

Application No.: 09/892,480)

Examiner: Elena Tsoy

Filed: June 28, 2001)

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
INTRODUCING IN CONTINUOUS)
A SUBSTANCE IN LIQUID PHASE)
INTO PLASTICS GRANULES)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of August 18, 2003. A fee of \$110.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account no. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: December 17, 2003

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